

Remarks

This Amendment has revised the application such that it is now believed to be in allowable condition for reasons discussed below.

All of the claims in the application now recite the glass sheet forming and quenching system as having the sets of bending rolls supported and rotatively driven from externally of the furnace and projecting into the furnace heating chamber at progressively increasing inclinations along the direction of conveyance. The prior art does not teach or in any way suggest a glass sheet forming and quenching system or the method of forming and quenching glass sheets having that feature.

More specifically, the United States Patent 3,735,922 Woodward et al. has the bending rolls 41 located downstream from the furnace 12. Furthermore, the French Patent 2221409 Nedelec has rolls that project into the furnace with the same angle as each other.


Thus, even if the disclosures of Woodward et al. and Nedelec are combined, there is no teaching of the invention now claimed wherein the bending rolls of each set are supported and rotatively driven externally of the furnace with the rolls projecting into the furnace heating chamber at progressively increasing inclinations along the direction of conveyance.

The specification has been revised to correspond with the invention now claimed and to also incorporate patent issuance particulars of referenced related applications.

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in an allowable condition such that it is appropriate to hereby respectfully solicit its allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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